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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.
3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising: a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of <u>4</u> sheets, as follows: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions). <input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box. b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-12 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1-22 received by this Authority on 12.10.2005 with letter of 11.10.2005
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1, 2 as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1.	Statement		
	Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-22</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-22</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-22</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
2.	Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		
1.	<p>Once claim 1 is clarified as explained below, its subject matter is not only novel but also inventive, since the electric insulation of the sensor strip conductors from the heating strip conductors by an insulating film or coating is not known from the closest prior art in EP-A-1209026, or from any of the remaining available prior art documents.</p> <p>The requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3) are therefore met.</p> <p>This also applies to claims 2-22, since these ultimately refer back to claim 1.</p>		
2.	<p>The characterising part of claim 1 indicates that the sensor strip conductors are insulated from the heating strip conductors. The present wording of claim 1 does not indicate how this is to be achieved. Consequently, a feature of the implementation of the invention is missing.</p>		
3.	<p>This is clarified on the basis of EP-A-1209026,</p>		

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	<p>which describes not only the features of the preamble, but also all the features in the characterising part of claim 1 in its present wording, namely a flexible plastic foil as support and covering foil (see paragraph 14), and sensor strip conductors which are necessarily insulated from the heating strip conductors, given their functions.</p> <p>4. Claim 1 can be clarified by including the features of claim 3 in claim 1.</p> <p>5. Claims 2 is superfluous under PCT Article 6, since the features of claim 2 are already mentioned in claim 1, lines 5 ff. (German text).</p>